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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 5 as set forth below.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical disc camcorder comprising:

a base plate assembly;

a pair of rotary shaftshafts; and

a camcorder main body accommodating said base plate assembly and said <u>pair</u> rotary <u>shaftshafts</u>,

wherein said <u>each of said</u> rotary <u>shaftshafts</u> is attached to said camcorder main body <u>and individually attached to opposite ends of said base plate assembly along a longitudinal <u>axis</u>, and said base plate assembly is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said <u>pair of</u> rotary <u>shaft-shafts</u> so that said base plate rotates axially about <u>the each rotary shaft</u>, and</u>

wherein a weight is attached to a first portion of said base plate assembly so that the center of gravity of said base plate assembly is shifted towards the first portion.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising:

a locking mechanism for fixedly securing said base plate assembly to said optical disc camcorder main body.

- 3. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 1, further comprising a stopper means for restricting range of swing movement of said base plate assembly in the periphery of said rotary shaft and also for absorbing shock..
 - 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical disc camcorder comprising:
 - a base plate assembly;
 - a pair of rotary shaftshafts; and
- a camcorder main body accommodating said base plate assembly and said rotary shaft.

wherein said each rotary shaft is attached to said camcorder main body and individually attached to opposite ends of said base plate assembly along a longitudinal axis, and said base plate assembly is swingably attached along a longitudinal axis of said pair of rotary shaft shafts so that said base plate rotates axially about said each rotary shaft, and

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wherein said base plate assembly is provided with an acceleration sensor for detecting degree of acceleration performed by said base plate assembly and a rotation drive mechanism for causing said base plate assembly to be rotated compulsorily in the periphery of said each rotary shaft in response to the value detected by said acceleration sensor.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optical disc camcorder comprising:

a base plate being secured inside of said camcorder main body via damper and fitted with a turn table for rotating an optical disc;

a pair of rotary axial shaftshafts;

a spindle motor for rotating said turn table;

an optical pickup system; and

a seek operation mechanism provided for said optical pickup system,

wherein each rotary axial shaft is individually attached to opposite ends of said base plate and along a longitudinal axis;

wherein said optical pickup system and said seek operation mechanism are mounted on a sub-base that is rotatably attached to said base plate along a longitudinal axis of said each rotary axial shaft, and

wherein said optical disc is further provided with a skew sensor for detecting skew and a skew correcting mechanism for rotating said sub-base in an axial direction about the each rotary axial shaft that cancels the skew in accordance with an output from the skew sensor.

- 6. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, further comprising a rotary shaft for correcting skew at an end point of said turn table.
- 7. (ORIGINAL) The optical disc camcorder according to Claim 5, wherein said skew correcting mechanism controls a position of said optical pickup system so as not to come into contact with an optical disc.